

House Resolution 2029

By: Representatives Cooper of the 41st, Harbin of the 118th, Fleming of the 117th, and Burmeister of the 119th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. Richard Jadick; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Richard Jadick, a urology resident at the Medical College of Georgia and
3 a former Marine, has always been known as an outstanding physician, but the unparalleled
4 valor he displayed in the heat of battle as a combat surgeon in Fallujah has proven him to be
5 one of our nation's greatest heroes; and

6 WHEREAS, when a committee searching for a doctor to travel with the First Battalion,
7 Eighth Marine Regiment, approached him, Dr. Jadick, a Navy doctor with the rank of
8 lieutenant commander, readily volunteered his services and subsequently shipped out to Iraq
9 only five days after the birth of his first child in 2004; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Jadick's regiment was assigned to a central role in Operation al-Fajr in
11 Fallujah, Iraq, making him the lead medical officer for this dangerous and pivotal battle; and

12 WHEREAS, knowing that helicopter evacuations would not be feasible and fearing that the
13 45 minute ambulance ride to the base hospital from Fallujah would not be fast enough to save
14 many lives, Dr. Jadick insisted on pushing his operations to the edge of the city; and

15 WHEREAS, as the battle raged on, Dr. Jadick and his medical assistants traveled into the
16 heart of the urban combat with armored ambulances to treated the wounded, braving
17 rocket-propelled grenades and small-arms fire to reach their fallen comrades; and

18 WHEREAS, in an 11 day period Dr. Jadick's team saw more than 90 U.S. combat casualties
19 and treated countless Iraqi soldiers and civilians with no other hope for medical assistance;
20 and

1 WHEREAS, in recognition of his courageous and life-saving actions in Fallujah, Dr. Jadick
2 recently received a Bronze Star with a Combat 'V' for Valor, one of the Marine Corps' most
3 prestigious awards; and

4 WHEREAS, few individuals could be more aptly called a hero than Dr. Jadick, and Georgia
5 is very fortunate to have such an extraordinary gentleman in its midst.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
7 the members of this body join to commend Dr. Richard Jadick for his heroic, life-saving
8 actions during his service in Iraq and thank him for his contributions to this state and nation.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Richard Jadick.